

STATE OF SOUTH AUSTRALIADivorce etc. Statistics1. Writs Issued and Orders Granted in 5 year periods ended 1920 to 1955 and annually 1951 to 1956.

Particulars	Averages for 5 years ended -					
	1920	1930	1940	1945	1950	1955
<u>WRITS</u>						
Divorce	64.4	152.2	311.4	616.2	777.0	838.8
Judicial Separation	1.2	1.8	-	1.4	1.0	0.8
Nullity of Marriage	-	1.8	0.2	0.4	4.4	4.4
Total	65.6	155.8	311.6	618.0	782.4	844.0
<u>ORDERS</u>						
Divorce - Nisi	37.8	126.8	258.2	504.8	651.0	601.6
Absolute	22.6	106.6	242.4	422.2	646.0	612.8
Judicial Separation	0.6	0.4	2.2	1.4	1.6	0.8
Nullity of Marriage	0.2	0.6	1.8	0.4	3.6	4.6
<u>RESTITUTION OF CONJUGAL RIGHTS.</u>						
Petitions	0.2	-	-	0.8	1.2	0.2
Decrees	-	-	-	0.8	0.4	-

	Years					
	1951	1952	1953	1954	1955	1956
<u>WRITS</u>						
Divorce	812	805	921	832	824	754
Judicial Separation	-	2	1	1	-	1
Nullity of Marriage	-	5	2	6	9	15
Total	812	812	924	839	833	770
<u>ORDERS</u>						
Divorce - Nisi	608	596	634	654	516	613
Absolute	637	581	628	594	624	567
Judicial Separation	1	1	2	2	-	2
Nullity of Marriage	4	3	8	4	4	5
<u>RESTITUTION OF CONJUGAL RIGHTS</u>						
Writs	-	-	-	-	1	-
Orders	-	-	-	-	-	1

NOTE: Actions awaiting trial at end of year vary considerably, so that increases or decreases in writs are not reflected necessarily in the same years' orders.

2. Grounds on which Divorces etc. granted.

	1955			1956		
	Petition by -			Petition by -		
	Husband	Wife	Total	Husband	Wife	Total
<u>DIVORCES ABSOLUTE</u>						
Adultery	138	100	238	140	68	208
Desertion	115	136	251	117	122	239
Habitual Cruelty	7	106	113	5	98	103
Insanity	4	-	4	-	-	-
Drunkenness	-	9	9	1	10	11
Failure to Maintain	-	6	6	-	3	3
Other	3	-	3	1	2	3
Total	267	357	624	264	303	567
<u>NULLITY OF MARRIAGE</u>						
Impotence	1	-	1	1	-	1
Bigamy	-	2	2	-	2	2
Invalid Marriage	-	1	1	-	2	2

3. Divorce Absolute - Numbers according to Duration of Marriage and Issue.

Duration of Marriage Years	I S S U E (Living Children under 16 years)								Total
	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	
1955									
0 - 4	28	31	6	-	-	-	-	-	65
5 - 9	82	77	42	9	-	-	-	-	210
10 - 14	43	49	36	12	6	1	-	-	147
15 - 19	21	20	23	13	5	3	3	2a	90
20 - 24	23	10	10	8	1	-	-	-	52
25 - 29	22	1	4	2	2	-	-	1b	32
30 - 34	16	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	17
35 - 39	4	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	5
40 - 44	3	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	3
45 - 49	3	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	3
Total	245	190	121	44	14	4	3	3	624
1956									
0 - 4	36	22	4	-	-	-	-	-	62
5 - 9	81	56	51	13	2	-	-	-	203
10 - 14	38	35	38	14	3	2	-	-	130
15 - 19	19	25	25	7	6	3	-	-	85
20 - 24	17	13	12	1	1	1	-	-	45
25 - 29	12	6	2	1	-	-	-	-	21
30 - 34	11	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	13
35 - 39	3	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	3
40 - 44	4	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	4
45 - 49	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1
Total	222	159	132	36	12	6	-	-	567

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4. Divorce Absolute - Numbers according to Ages at time of Divorce

Age of Husband	Age of Wife								Total
	Under 25	25-29	30-34	35-39	40-44	45-49	50 & over	Not Stated	
1955									
Under 25	17	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	18
25-29	36	46	10	-	-	-	-	-	92
30-34	7	53	59	8	2	-	-	-	129
35-39	4	12	42	31	15	1	1	-	106
40-44	-	5	12	42	38	10	-	-	107
45-49	-	1	7	15	26	26	3	-	78
50 & over	-	1	1	5	17	16	46	-	86
Not stated	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	8	8
Total	64	119	131	101	98	53	50	8	624
1956									
Under 25	10	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	12
25-29	29	67	4	1	-	-	-	-	101
30-34	8	55	48	14	2	3	-	-	130
35-39	1	13	40	37	5	1	-	-	97
40-44	-	1	9	32	28	9	-	-	79
45-49	-	2	2	9	30	19	5	-	67
50 & over	-	-	2	3	11	23	38	-	77
Not stated	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	4	4
Total	48	140	105	96	76	55	43	4	567

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